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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR-1, AUGUST 6, 1973

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON AUG 6 INFO DRUSSAG NKP RTAFB

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DANANG 992

### 1. SECURITY SITUATION:

A. AUGUST 4 - I CORPS HEADQUARTERS BRIEFING: FIFTEEN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSISTING OF TWO GROUND ATTACKS, TWELVE ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND ONE HARASSMENT. GVN CASUALTIES: SIX KIA, FORTY-NINE WIA. PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: FOURTEEN KIA. VNAF PROVIDED SIX SORTIES TO MR II.

B. AUGUST 5 - FOURTEEN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSISTING OF TWO GROUND ATTACKS AND TWELVE ATTACKS BY FIRE. GVN CASUALTIES: FIVE KIA, TWO MIA, FORTY-EIGHT WIA. PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: TWENTY-EIGHT KIA.

C. AUGUST 6 - TWENTY-ONE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSISTING OF TWO GROUND ATTACKS; FOURTEEN ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND FIVE HARASSMENTS. GVN CASUALTIES: THIRTEEN KIA, FORTY WIA. PRG/NVA  
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CASUALTIES: TWENTY-TWO KIA. NO FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED NORTH OF

THE HAI VAN PASS; TWO THOUSAND-ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE ROUNDS FIRED SOUTH, ALL IN QUANG NGAI WHERE ALL BUT TWO OF THE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED. MOST ARE CONCENTRATED IN SON TINH DISTRICT AND REPRESENT AN INCREASINGLY STIFFER PRG RESISTANCE TO GVN CLEARING EFFORTS. (REF DANANG 0938, PARAGRAPH 2).

2. ICCS:

COLONEL KARSANO, DEPARTING INDODEL HEAD, TOLD ARRO, HUE, THAT HE BELIEVED HE HAD COME CLOSE TO ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN THE INDODEL AND THE PRG UNIT WEST OF FIREBASE BASTOGNE WHICH MIGHT HAVE ENABLED THE ICCS TO PLANT THE FLAG BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES IN AT LEAST ONE AREA OF THE WESTERN FLANK. IT WOULD BE UP TO COLONEL MORGUIITO, HIS SUCCESSOR, TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS OVERTURES. SIGNED POPPLE  
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